

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the above-identified application.

Restriction Requirement

The claims of the present application have been subjected to a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 as follows:

Group I - claims 1-5 directed to a golf club head product; and

Group II - claim 6 directed to a method of manufacturing the golf club head product of the claims of Group I.

Election with Traverse

In response to the above-noted Restriction Requirement, applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, i.e. claims 1-5. This election is made with a traversal for the reasons stated below.

Reasons Supporting Traversal

It is respectfully submitted that method claim 6 of non-elected Group II recites a method which makes the product of claim 1. Claim 6 recites that the method manufactures a golf club head having a part formed from an iron alloy which includes all of the

elements and relative weight percentages as recited in claim 1. Therefore, any search and examination of the claims of elected Group I should significantly overlap with the search and examination issues of method claim 6 such that there is no significant burden placed on the Examiner to examine all of the pending claims of the present application. In addition, even if the present Restriction Requirement is initially maintained, it is requested that this Requirement be withdrawn upon the indication of allowance of any of the elected product claims such that the method claim may be examined under the "rejoinder" provisions of MPEP 821.04.

#### Conclusion

If any questions arise regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

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required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;  
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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